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SUBJ: DRC MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION-ICELAND

1. DRC ON OCTOBER 25 HELD ITS ANNUAL MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION OF ICELAND DEFENSE ACTIVITY. DRAFT COUNTRY CHAPTER (DRC/WP(73)6, ICELAND) SERVED AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. CHAIRMAN NOTED VALUABLE ICELANDIC MILITARY AND POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION TO NATO. SACLAN T REP UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF STRATEGIC POSITION OF ICELAND AND THE FACILITIES WHICH IT MAKES AVAILABLE TO NATO. THERE WERE NO OTHER COMMENTS.

2. EXCEPT FOR OPENING PARAGRAPH, DRAFT COUNTRY CHAPTER DEALS WITH ECONOMIC FACTORS. TEXT OF FIRST PARAGRAPH FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. ICELAND HAS NO ARMED FORCES OF HER OWN, BUT THE STRATEGIC POSITION OF HER TERRITORY AND THE MILITARY FACILITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE US AND NATO PROVIDE AN ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEFENSE OF THE ALLIANCE. THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO NATO PROVIDE EARLY WARNING OF ENEMY ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA, A BASE FOR MARITIME AND AIR SURVEILLANCE AND A BASE FOR THE LOGISTIC SUPPORT OF NATO NAVAL FORCES. IN ADDITION, ICELAND PROVIDES STAGING AND EMERGENCY DIVERSION FACILITIES FOR RE-INFORCEMENT AIRCRAFT. CONFIDENTIAL

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ICELAND ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO THE NATO MILITARY BUDGET. END QUOTE. RUMSFELD

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